THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV) (a) and (b) There is no proposal to establish any Agricultural Research Centre (Institute) in the State of Assam. However, two new coordinating centres have been proposed under the existing All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP) on Rodent Control and National Seed Project (Crops) on Seed Technology Research at Assam Agricultural University (AAU), Jorhat and one Research Station of Central Rice Research Institute, Cuttack has been approved at Gerua near Guwahati. The ICAR has a proposal to strengthen the existing Zonal Agricultural Research Stations (ZARS) under AAU, Jorhat to take up additional functions of the Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) for those districts where there is no KVK. Accordingly 6 districts viz. Naogaon, Karbi, Anglong, Lakhimpur, Karimganj, Kamrup and Tinsukia have been identified for the purpose. In addition, Barapeta district has been identified for establishment of new KVK.

(c) and (d) Question does not arise.

Agriculture as Uneconomical Venture in Adivasi Areas

1546. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE; Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether agriculture is becoming an uneconomical venture in Maharashtra especially in adivasi district leading to unemployment;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the impact of green revolution on employment generation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The agriculture continues to remain an economically viable venture as the value from agriculture has increased from Rs. 204532 crores in 1993-94 at 1993-94 prices to Rs. 228544 crores during the year 1997-98. The number of agricultural labourers has also increased from 27.3 million during 1951 to 74.6 million during 1991. The Green Revolution in aggregate terms has resulted in higher employment in agriculture.